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Chapters of the regional and subregional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for the Americas (deliverable 2 (b))

Note by the secretariat

1. In paragraph 2 of section III of decision IPBES-3/1, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) approved the undertaking of four regional and subregional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe and Central Asia (hereinafter called "regional assessments"), in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables set out in annex I to decision IPBES-3/3, the generic scoping report for the regional and subregional assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services set out in annex III to decision IPBES-3/1, and the scoping reports for each of the four regional assessments (decision IPBES-3/1, annexes IV–VII).

2. In response to decision IPBES-3/1, a set of six chapters and their executive summaries (IPBES/6/INF/3–6) and a summary for policymakers (IPBES/6/4–7) were produced for each of the regional assessments by an expert group in accordance with the procedures for the preparation of the Platform's deliverables.

3. The annex to the present note, which is presented without formal editing, sets out the chapters of the regional and subregional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for the Americas, which, together with the summary for policymakers (IPBES/6/5), form the regional and subregional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for the Americas. At its sixth session, the Plenary will be invited to accept the chapters of the assessment, which will be revised following the sixth session to ensure consistency with the summary for policymakers as approved.

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Annex